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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference (8) is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The references (2, 4, 6, 7 and 14-19) were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references (8-13) are attached hereto.

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- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese references has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 8-13.
- ☒ 7. Reference 8 corresponds to reference 3. Reference 15 corresponds to reference 1 and reference 16 corresponds to reference 5.

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